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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer that strongly supports broadband competition.

I choose a competitive provider to avoid the bureaucracy and headaches associated with the big guys. There are only two choices in Pasadena and that's really no choice at all.

Competition keeps rates lower and speeds faster and compels innovation.

Lack of competition allows big corporate communications companies to hike rates beyond affordability for what has become an essential lifeline for all users.

Boadband is as critical a service as that provided by any utility. For most of us, our basic communication, employment, entertainment and even our security needs depend upon it.

Thank you for your attention.

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